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EXPAND CONSUMERS' GOODS PRODUCTION

EXPANSION MADE POSSIBLE BY DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES -- Plauen, Freie Presse, 11 Aug 51

The Office of Information announces that, according to a resolution adopted by the East German Ministerial Council on 8 August 1951, 125 million Deutsche marks are being made available to various ministries for the financing of supplementary projects during the third quarter 1951 Economic Plan.

Special emphasis is being placed on the expansion of the consumers' goods industry. Of the 125 million Deutsche marks in additional allocations, 80 million are to be used for orders to private industry. This expansion of consumers' goods production during the third quarter 1951 plan has been made possible by the development of industries and by the conservation of important raw materials.

CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES MAP PLANS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 3 Feb 51

Functionaries of the Union of German Consumers' Cooperatives held a conference in Leipzig which was attended by 150 West German representatives. Erhard Lucht, vice-president of the union, reported that by 1955 the turnover of the East German consumers' cooperatives is to be 2½ times that of 1950. (The 1950 turnover was double that of 1947). Lucht announced an extensive drive to recruit 300,000 new members in 1951. Turnover is to be accelerated to eliminate the risk of having to carry stocks over into the next season.

Heinrich Rau, chief of the State Planning Commission, announced that the enterprises of the Consumers' Cooperatives will be standardized with those of the people-owned industry, and that they will have to meet planned quotas.

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LOWER PRICE OF BOOKS -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 10 Apr 51

The prices of books published in the German Democratic Republic have been lowered approximately 15 percent.

Distribution of books has been limited to two firms, the Leipzig Commission Agents and Wholesale Book Dealers, Ltd (LKG), and the Koehler and Volckmann Book Center in Leipzig. The latter firm will for the most part supply the foreign trade.

Publishers' profits have been lowered to make it possible for a large number of readers to purchase books. The reductions will apply to all types of books, including those on technical subjects which had been sold at close profit margins in the past.

REPORT EAST BERLIN BREAD SHORTAGE -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 15 May 51

Berlin (special correspondent) -- The sudden scarcity of bread in East Berlin is being blamed on the bread-dumping policy of the East Berlin Magistrate. Fritz Lange, the chairman of the German Democratic Republic's Control Commission has accused the East Berlin official of encouraging the sale of bread to West Berlin consumers.

To overcome the existing shortage, flour is being diverted to East Berlin from Mecklenburg and Brandenburg.

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